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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment having a mailing date of November 7, 2006, with a one-month period for response set to expire on December 7, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit this Amended Response. In this Amended Response, Applicants have fixed the status identifier for claim 7, so that it correctly indicates that claim 7 is currently amended. The rest of the Response is the same as the Response previously submitted on October 16, 2006. Applicants request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 5.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 and include an attached replacement sheet for Figure 46.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12.

An Appendix, including a replacement drawing sheet for Figure 46, is included following page 15.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Van Leeuwen & Van Leeuwen, Deposit Account No. 50-3754.